



INGLÉS

People often talk about the dangerous creatures in Africa, but one that they never mention is the Minibus Taxi. It started as an alternative to the public transport system, which has never really been good. Taxis were supposed to be cheaper than buses or trains, and go to more destinations. Unfortunately, there are two main problems: the drivers hardly ever follow the rules of the road, and the taxis are in terrible condition.

If you want to take a Minibus Taxi, you must first decide where you want to go, and then identify one. Next, you have to decide whether or not you are going to catch this taxi. If it is not in reasonable condition, you could be injured by catching it. However, the good thing about catching a really old taxi is that it probably won't be able to go very fast, so you are unlikely to be involved in a high-speed accident. The choice is up to you.

Once inside, if you do not know how much the trip costs you can ask the driver, but try not to sound like a tourist. Now is a good time to start praying. If you are still alive when you approach your destination, you have survived a Minibus taxi ride!

QUESTIONS:

1. Why was the Minibus Taxi system originally created? **Do not copy literally from the text** (1 punto)
2. According to the text, is it a good idea to take a taxi which is not in good condition? **Do not copy literally from the text** (1 punto)
3. Why does the writer say 'if you are still alive when you approach your destination'? **Do not copy literally from the text** (1 punto)
4. a) Fill in the gaps with the most suitable word (1 punto):

You can identify a taxi the methods the driver to catch your attention: flashing headlights or screaming his destination at you. If the taxi is not going you want it to go, just ignore it or shake head from side to side to indicate that you are not

- b) Find one word in the text in which each of the following letters is silent (0'5):

'r':

'g':

'k':

5. Finish the incomplete sentences in such a way that each one means exactly the same as the complete sentence before it (1'5 puntos):
 - a) Not many people take taxis because they are in terrible condition.
If taxis ...
 - b) You must tell the driver where you want him to stop.
The driver ...
 - c) Wait for a taxi; this should not take long.
It should ...
6. Describe a personal experience you have had travelling on public transport. (Feel free to use your imagination!). (100 - 120 words) (4 puntos)